

**Remarks**

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks. Claims 1-5 and 7-28 are pending in the application.

**Claims 1-4, 8-10, 14-17, and 22-28**

Claims 1-4, 8-10, 14-17, and 22-28 were allowed by the Office action mailed February 26, 2004.

**Claims 7, 13, and 18-21**

Please cancel claims 7, 13, and 18-21.

**Claims 5, 11, and 12**

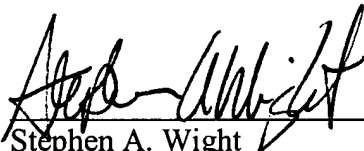
The Office asserts that claim 7 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all language of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 7 depends only on independent claim 5. Applicants have amended independent claim 5 to include all the language recited in dependent claim 7. Since claim 5 as amended includes all the limitations of claim 7 and any intervening claims, claim 5 should now be allowable. Additionally, claims 11 and 12 depend on claim 5. For at least the reasons stated for amended claim 5, claims 11 and 12 should now be allowed. Such action is respectfully requested.

### CONCLUSION

The claims in their present form should now be allowable. Such action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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